House Resolution No. 780

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives welcome with pleasure the opportunity to recognize a remarkable young Missouri citizen whose efforts and accomplishments have made her a source of inspiration for all those around her; and

Whereas, Melissa Banning of Lawson, Missouri, has distinguished herself by being selected as a Joanne Breckenridge Scholar and will represent the Sixth Congressional District during the Missouri Federation of Republican Women's Annual Legislative Day when she visits the Missouri State Capitol on March 11, 2003; and

Whereas, seventeen-year-old Melissa Banning is a junior at Lawson High School, where she has enjoyed recognition by being a member of the Honor Roll for three years, earning Perfect Attendance, playing volleyball, singing in the Select Choir, and serving as President of Future Teachers of America; and

Whereas, as part of her careers class, Melissa Banning has volunteered ten hours of community service to the Lawson baseball complex; and

Whereas, Melissa Banning derives a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through her affiliation with Lawson Assembly of God Church, where she has further distinguished herself by being active in the Youth Group and the Edge Worship Team, being crowned Honor Star after completing four years of Missionettes, and going on Mission Trips to Mexico; and

Whereas, Melissa Banning's future plans include registering to vote, researching voter issues, and voting responsibly at the age of 18:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Melissa Banning for her selection as a Joanne Breckenridge Scholar, and in further wishing her continued success in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Melissa Banning, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway District No. 87

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 780, adopted March 11, 2003.